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11. (U) On February 3, Post delivered reftel demarche to Senad Oprasic, Head of the Department for the Protection of the Environment and Natural Resources at the BiH Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations (MOFTER). We requested Bosnia and Herzegovina's support for U.S. proposals for changes to annexes of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES). We inquired about BiH's position on U.S. proposals and requested the names of BiH's negotiation team, which we believe will be headed by Oprasic from MOFTER. We also delivered a formal diplomatic note on these matters to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. ESTH OFF will follow-up with both ministries during the week of February 8.

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